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For: **PEPTIDE EPITOPES RECOGNIZED BY** )  
**ANTI-FILAGGRIN AUTO-ANTIBODIES** )  
**IN SERUM FROM RHEUMATOID** )  
**ARTHRITIS PATIENTS** )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the National Stage entry of the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

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A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An International Search Report, citing the documents and setting forth the relevance thereof are also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. In addition to this citation the relevance of French language document WO 98/08946 is noted on page 4, lines 21-32, of the specification, which cites the French priority document of this publication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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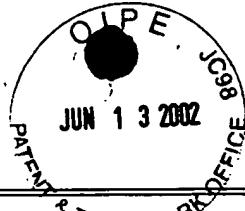
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